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## Closing session for PMAPS2006

Thursday 15 June 15-17

- Prize papers awards; Lina Bertling General chair PMAPS2006
- Announcement of PMAPS2008; James D. McCalley General chair PMAPS2004
- PMAPS2008 Presentation by the General chair PMAPS2008
- Keynote speaker; “Developments of future reliable electric power systems”  
Gunnar Asplund ABB HVDC

*Biography for the key note speaker;*

**Gunnar Asplund** was born in Stockholm, Sweden in 1945. After completing his Master of Science in 1969 he studied sociology for one year before joining ASEA (presently ABB) as a laboratory engineer in the High Voltage Laboratory in Ludvika, Sweden. In 1976 he joined HVDC as a designer of HVDC valves. When the Itaipu project was awarded by ASEA in 1979 he was responsible to manage the Swedish part of the project which especially involving specification and purchase of all imported equipment. In 1982 he was responsible for the commissioning of Foz do Iguazu converter station in the Itaipu project and moved there with his wife and their three children. After returning to Sweden in 1985 he was responsible for the HVDC Systems department and later HVDC Project Engineering before becoming responsible for HVDC development in 1993. During the last twelve years a number of development projects have been done such as active dc filters, Capacitive Commutated Converters and Voltage Source Converters. In 2005 Gunnar Asplund was appointed honour doctor at KTH for his contributions in developments of future techniques for the power systems with his work on HVDC.

- Closing remarks by Roy Billinton chairman PMAPS International Society, and Lina Bertling General chair PMAPS2006.